



On September 30, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirmed, through laboratory tests, the first case of Ebola to be diagnosed in the United States in a person who had traveled to Dallas, TX from Liberia. CDC and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response have been anticipating and preparing for a case of Ebola in the United States. CDC and ASPR aim to increase understanding of the Ebola virus disease (EVD) and encourage widespread preparation for managing patients with EVD and other infectious diseases. At the request of Dr. Nicole Lurie, the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, we are sending you the attached links to guidance that you may find useful and request that you share this information as widely as possible.

The “**Detailed Hospital Checklist for Ebola Preparedness**” is intended to enhance our collective preparedness and response efforts by highlighting key areas for hospital staff -- especially hospital emergency management officers, infection control practitioners, and clinical practitioners -- to review in preparation for a person with EVD arriving at a hospital for medical care. The checklist provides practical and specific suggestions to ensure your hospital is able to *detect* possible EVD cases, *protect* your employees, and *respond* appropriately. <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/hospital-checklist-ebola-preparedness.pdf>

The “**Checklist for Healthcare Coalitions for Ebola Preparedness**” is intended to enhance collective preparedness and response by highlighting key areas for healthcare coalitions to review in preparing to care for patients possibly infected with the Ebola virus. The checklist provides practical and specific suggestions to ensure healthcare coalition members are able to *detect* possible Ebola cases, *protect* employees, and *respond* appropriately. <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/coalition-checklist-ebola-preparedness.pdf>

The “**Detailed Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Checklist for Ebola Preparedness**” is similar to the above, and is intended to enhance collective preparedness and response by highlighting key areas for EMS personnel to review in preparation for encountering and providing medical care to a person with Ebola. <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/ems-checklist-ebola-preparedness.pdf>

Although the risk of an Ebola outbreak in the United States is very low, it is important for healthcare providers, facilities, and coalitions to remain vigilant and take steps to be as prepared as possible to protect our communities and our nation from emerging infectious diseases such as EVD. CDC has numerous published resources and references to help you prepare and guidance posted on these resources may change as experts learn more about EVD. You should frequently monitor the CDC’s [Ebola website](#) for up-to-date information.